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The Bureau of Land Management Billings Field Office and the Montana State Department of Livestock have lifted the quarantine at the Sundance Lodge recreation area south of Laurel. The area has been closed since August 23 to the entry of horses and other livestock because cattle grazing in part of it had been diagnosed with vesicular stomatitis (VS).

A U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian informed the BLM last week that all the cattle had passed the final inspection and were free of the virus.

The Sundance Lodge area is located near the confluence of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone and the Yellowstone River and contains about 380 acres of river bottom intermingled with the irrigated hay lands. The area is popular for wildlife watching, environmental education, photography, hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

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